

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-4-23-04

Issued at Kodiak, Wednesday, September
1, 2004

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 4, 2004.

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. December 31,
2004, unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order opens Buskin River Drainage waters above Bridge 1 to salmon sport fishing from 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, September 4, through December 31, 2004.

REGULATION:

The provisions of **5 AAC 64.022 WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA (b)(1)(B)** are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m., Saturday, September 4, 2004:

5 AAC 64.022 (b)(1) WATERS; SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND
SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KODIAK AREA.

(B) the Buskin River drainage upstream of Bridge 1 is open to sport fishing for salmon from September 4 through December 31, 2004.

Kevin C. Duffy,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Len Schwarz,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

As of August 31, 5,248 silver salmon have been counted through the Buskin River weir. This is the largest count on record for this time of year. Based upon the escapement to date, the department projects that the upper end of the spawning escapement goal range of 5,300 to 8,300 silver salmon will be exceeded and that additional sport fishing opportunity can be provided without adversely impacting the salmon spawning escapement. Earlier timed sockeye and pink salmon escapements into the Buskin

River were very strong in 2004. Opening additional area to sport fishing earlier than September 16 is not expected to reduce the number of spawners or impact the spawning success for these two species.

DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 2 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518, (907) 267-2218; Alaska Department of Fish and Game Kodiak Area Office; and the Alaska Department of Public Safety Fish and Wildlife Protection Kodiak Office.